



By the King.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Concerning the Granting of Licences for Selling and Retailing of Wines.

CHARLES R.



Whereas by Our Royal Proclamation (dated the Nineteenth day of March, in the Thirteenth year of Our Reign) publishing a late Act of Parliament, entituled, An Act for the better Ordering and Selling Wines by Retail, among other things, it was declared in pursuance of the said Act, That by Our Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of England, We had Commissionated certain persons of Trust therein named, to be Our Agents for the Licencing such persons as they should think fit, to Sell and Utter Wine by Retail, and required all Our Loving Subjects within Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town and Port of Berwick upon Tweede, who are therein concerned, to take notice of the said Act, and duly observe the same, and to address themselves to Our said Agents, and receive from them such Licence and Dispensation for Selling and Uttering Wine by Retail, as they should agree, by vertue of the said Act and Our Commission of Agency: And yet notwithstanding the said Act, and Our Proclamation thereupon, all the said Retailers of Wine remain still unlicenced, whereby they are become lyable to the great Penalties and Forfeitures in the said Act imposed, which may bring upon them much Damage, Loss, and Molestation. Now therefore, We out of Our Princely Grace and Favor, being most desirous to keep such Loss and Damage from falling upon Our said Loving Subjects, have thought fit by this Our Royal Proclamation, to will and require all and every Our said Loving Subjects, who are Retailers of any Wine or Wines within Our said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town and Port of Berwick upon Tweede, that they and every of them, do appear and address themselves unto Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir Maurice Berkley Knight and Baronet, Sir John Colleton

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Knight and Baronet, and others Our present Commissioners and Agents, and such others (or any two or more of them) as We shall appoint to be Our Agents for Granting Licences for Retailing Wine at their Office in Black-Friers, London, at the several and respective time and times herein after limited and appointed, then and there to Contract with Our said Agents, at such Rates, Rents, and Prices, as they shall agree for Licence and Dispensation for Retailing Wines; and to perfect such their respective Contracts, and give such good and sufficient Security for Payment of their respective Rents, and performance of Covenants, as Our said Agents shall like and approve. And We hereby further declare, and Our Royal Will and pleasure is, That all and every person and persons who are Retailers of Wine, or desire to have Licence and Dispensation to Retail Wine within Our said Dominions, and dwelling within fifty miles of London, shall, and do appear before Our said Agents at their said Office, and shall and do agree, contract, and give good Security for payment of the Rents and performance of Covenants as aforesaid, at or before the Twentieth day of October next ensuing. And all and every the person or persons who are Retailers of Wine, or that desire to have Licence and Dispensation to Retail Wine as aforesaid, dwelling within One hundred miles of London, shall, and do also appear, agree, contract, and give good Security for payment and performance of their Covenants as aforesaid, at or before the Thirtieth of October next ensuing. And all and every person or persons who are Retailers of Wine, or others, that desire to have Licence and Dispensation to Retail Wine as aforesaid, dwelling within One hundred and fifty miles of London, shall and do appear, agree, contract, and give good Security for payment and performance of their Covenants as aforesaid, at or before the Tenth day of November next ensuing. And all and every person or persons who are Retailers of Wine, or others, that desire Licence and Dispensation to Retail Wine, dwelling within Two hundred miles of London, shall, and do appear, agree, contract, and give good Security for payment and performance of Covenants as aforesaid, at or before the Twentieth of November next ensuing. And all and every person or persons who are Retailers of Wine, or that desire to have Licence and Dispensation to Retail Wine as aforesaid, dwelling above Two hundred miles from London, shall, and do appear, agree, contract, and give good Security for payment and performance of Covenants as aforesaid, at or before the Thirtieth of November next ensuing. And We hereby strictly charge and command, and Our Royal Will and pleasure is, That all and every Retailer or Retailers of Wine or Wines, within Our said Dominions, do agree and contract with Our said Agents for Licence and Dispensation for Retailing and Uttering Wines as aforesaid, within the respective time and times in this Our Royal Proclamation set and limited, and that such Contract and Agreement commence from Michaelmas next ensuing the date hereof. And We hereby declare, That if any person or persons in any City, Town-Corporate, or other place or places, shall presume to Utter or Retail any Wine or Wines whatsoever, without making such Contract and Agreement, and giving Security for payment for Licence and Dispensation to commence as aforesaid, and within the said respective time herein limited, are, and shall be liable to the Penalties and Forfeitures in the said Act set and imposed upon all such who Utter and Retail Wine without Licence, as in the said Act is appointed, and are to be forthwith proceeded against as the said Act directeth, any former or other Patent, Licence, or Usage whatsoever, in any wise to the contrary notwithstanding. And We do further strictly charge and command all Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other Our Officers whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting unto Our said Agents

for the exact obeying and putting in execution of this Our Proclamation. And We do hereby further declare to all Our Loving Subjects, That it will be good and acceptable service to Us in any of Our said Subjects, to prosecute such Offenders who shall presume to Sell or Retail any Wines without Licences as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Act, in such manner as is thereby appointed; for which they shall receive the Reward and Advantage thereby proposed, being the Summe of five pounds for each offence so committed.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Twenty seventh day of September, 1661. in the Thirteenth year of Our Reign.

God save the KING.

L O N D O N,

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